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## **WEST VIRGINIA 2017 ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION, WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS, GRAIN AND HAY STOCKS**

**Charleston, West Virginia – Winter wheat** planted acres totaled 8,000 in 2017, up 1,000 acres from 2016. Area harvested for grain totaled 4,000 acres, unchanged from 2016. The average yield for 2017 was estimated to be 69.0 bushels per acre. This was up 8.0 bushels per acre from 2016. Production was estimated at 276,000 bushels, up 13 percent or 32,000 bushels from 2016. **Winter wheat seedings** for the 2018 crop are estimated at 7,000 acres, down 12 percent or 1,000 acres from 2017.

**All hay** area harvested in 2017 totaled 588,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2016. The average yield in 2017 was 1.83 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton per acre from 2016. Production totaled 1,078,000 tons, down 1,000 tons from 2016. **December On Farm Hay Stocks** were 950,000 tons, up 80,000 tons from the total of 870,000 tons in 2016.

**Alfalfa hay** area harvested totaled 18,000 acres in 2017, up 1,000 acres from 2016. Yields in 2017 averaged 2.90 tons per acre, down 0.2 ton per acre from 2016. Production totaled 52,000 tons, down 1,000 tons from 2016. New seedings of alfalfa in 2017 are estimated at 2,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2016.

**All other hay** area harvested totaled 570,000 acres in 2017, unchanged from 2016. Yields averaged 1.80 tons per acre, unchanged from 2016. Production totaled 1,026,000 tons, unchanged from 2016.

**Corn area planted** for all purposes in 2017 totaled 50,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2016. Harvested area **for grain** totaled 33,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2016. The average yield of 152.0 bushels per acre was up 7.0 bushels per acre from 2016. Production was 5,016,000 bushels, down 1 percent or 59,000 bushels from 2016.

**Corn for silage** area harvested was 16,000 acres in 2017, up 3,000 acres from 2016. Yields averaged 20.0 tons per acre, up 1.0 ton per acre from 2016. Silage production was estimated at 320,000 tons, up 73,000 tons from 2016.

**Soybeans area planted** totaled 27,000 acres in 2017, unchanged from 2016. Area harvested for soybeans totaled 26,000 acres, unchanged from 2016. The yield for soybeans in 2017 averaged 54.0 bushels per acre, up 3.0 bushels per acre from 2016. Production was estimated at 1,404,000 bushels, up 6 percent or 78,000 bushels from 2016.

**Maple syrup number of taps** in 2017 was 61,000, up 10,000 taps from 2016. Yield per tap was 0.148 gallons, up 0.03 gallons from 2016. Production totaled 9,000 gallons in 2017, up 50 percent or 3,000 gallons from 2016.

The total area planted to **principal crops** in West Virginia totaled 673,000 acres in 2017, up 3,000 acres from 2016. Area harvested totaled 667,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from 2016. Principal crops include acres planted to corn, soybeans, wheat, and acres harvested for all hay.

## UNITED STATES WITH PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISONS

- All wheat production - 1.74 billion bushels, down 25%.
- Winter Wheat production - 1.27 billion bushels, down 24 %.
- 2018 Winter wheat seedings - 32.6 million acres, down slightly from 2017.
- 2017 Alfalfa seedings - 2.2 million acres, down 3% from 2016.
- Alfalfa hay production - 55.1 million tons, down 5%.
- All other hay production - 76.4 million tons, down less than 1%.
- All hay production - 131.5 million tons, down 3%.
- Corn planted for all purposes area - 90.2 million acres, down 4%.
- Corn for grain area harvested - 82.7 million acres, down 5%.
- Corn for grain production - 14.6 billion bushels, down 4%.
- Corn for grain yield - 176.6 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels per acre.
- Corn for silage harvested area - 6.43 million acres, up 4%.
- Corn for silage production - 128.4 million tons, up 2%.
- Corn for silage yield - 19.9 tons per acre, down 0.4 ton per acre.
- Soybean production - 4.39 billion bushels, up 2%.
- Soybean yield - 49.1 bushels per acre, down 2.9 bushel per acre.
- All tobacco production - 710.2 million pounds, up 13%.
- Oats production - 49.4 million bushels, down 24%.
- Maple syrup production - 4.27 million gallons, up 2%.
- Area planted to principal crops - 319.1 million acres, down less than 1%.
- Area harvested for principal crops - 303 million acres, down 1%.

## U.S. STOCKS TOTALS AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2017

- Hay stocks on-farms - 86.2 million tons, down 10%.
- Corn stocks on-farms - 7.74 billion bushels, up 2%.
- Corn stocks off-farms - 4.78 billion bushels, up less than 1%.
- All wheat stocks on-farms - 393.2 million bushels, down 31%.
- All wheat stocks off-farms - 1.48 billion bushels, down 2%.
- Soybean stocks on-farms - 1.49 billion bushels, up 11%.
- Soybean stocks off-farms - 1.67 billion bushels, up 7%.
- Oats stocks on-farms - 23.3 million bushels, down 23%.
- Oats stocks off-farms - 43.5 million bushels, down 3%.